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John Mirisch Elected Mayor of Beverly Hills *Lester Friedman Named Vice Mayor*



Beverly Hills, Calif. (March 21, 2019) – John Mirisch was elected Mayor of Beverly Hills at the City Council’s annual reorganization meeting on Wednesday evening. He succeeds Dr. Julian Gold who will continue to serve on the Council.

“I’m truly grateful to live in this community and for the opportunity to serve,” said Mayor Mirisch. “I look forward to working closely with my colleagues on the Council as we explore new opportunities and programs while enhancing the amenities we are blessed with in Beverly Hills.”

In a speech critical of Sacramento politicians Mayor Mirisch stated that, when done right, local government is the best form of democracy as it’s closest to home where most decisions should be made.

Mayor Mirisch was first elected to the City Council in 2009 and served as Mayor in 2013-2014 and 2016-2017.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Lester Friedman was elected Vice Mayor. Friedman, elected in 2017, is serving his first term on the City Council.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor serve one-year terms and are selected by their City Council colleagues at the annual ceremony held at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The installation ceremony may be viewed at the following link:

[March 20, 2019 City Council Meeting](#)

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